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- Q1. Discuss the role of post-harvest management, value addition, and supply chain development in improving productivity, farmer income, and market efficiency in horticultural crops. (15 Marks)
- Q2. India witnessed a major expansion in financial inclusion between 2014 and 2024. Examine the key government initiatives undertaken during this period and analyse their outcomes. (15 Marks)
- Q3. Explain the institutional framework of rural credit in India. What steps have been taken by the government and regulatory institutions to enhance access to rural credit? (15 Marks)
- Q4. What are the objectives and key features of the PM Vishwakarma Scheme and the SVAMITVA Scheme? How do these schemes contribute to rural empowerment? (10 Marks)
- Q5. Write a brief note on dryland farming, highlighting its characteristics, challenges, and importance in Indian agriculture. (10 Marks)
- Q6. How does India's agricultural storage infrastructure support food security and the overall functioning of the agricultural sector? (10 Marks)

